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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: GOS SETS DEADLINE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF  
FEBRUARY 28,1976

1. MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND TOURISM, HERRERA ESTEBAN,  
HELD REGULAR PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING WEEKLY COUNCIL OF  
MINISTERS MEETING NOV 14 CHAIRED BY PRINCE JUAN CARLOS.  
MINISTER SAID VISITING MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN OFFICIALS,  
AFTER CONCLUDING THEIR TALKS AT PRESIDENCY, HAD GONE TO  
PRINCE'S PALACE EARLY NOV 14 TO APPROVE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO THEIR  
RETURN HOME. TERMS OF AGREEMENT CONSTITUTING DECLARATION  
OF PRINCIPLES WOULD NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL THE LAW ON THE  
DECOLONIZATION OF THE SAHARA TO BE ADOPTED BY THE SPANISH  
"CORTES" HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE. COMMENT:  
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE APPROVED THE TEXT OF THIS DRAFT LAW  
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NOV 12 AND IT HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

IN A PLENARY SESSION SCHEDULED FOR NOV 18. THE EARLIEST IT  
COULD APPEAR IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE, THEREFORE, IS  
NOV 19, AFTER IT HAS BEEN DULY SIGNED BY THE ACTING HEAD OF  
STATE.

2. MINISTER SAID THAT SPAIN WAS CARRYING OUT ITS POLICY FIRST  
ANNOUNCED MAY 23, 1975, FOR THE DEFINITIVE DECOLONIZATION OF  
SAHARA. GOS HAD NOW SET DATE OF FEB 28, 1976, FOR ITS WITHDRAWAL  
FROM TERRITORY. HE INDICATED THAT IN INTERIM SPAIN WAS  
PREPARED WITH MOROCCO, MAURITANIA AND THE SAHARAN POPULATION  
TO SET UP A PROVISIONAL LOCAL ADMINISTRATION. ASKED HOW  
PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND WISHES OF SAHARANS WOULD  
BE RESPECTED, HERRERA REPLIED THAT THE EXISTING LOCAL  
ASSEMBLY ("YEMAA") CONTINUED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF SAHARAN  
INTERESTS. WHEN PRESSED TO COMMENT ON THE ROLE OF THE PRESENT  
"YEMAA" PRESIDENT, JATRI, WHO DEFECTED TO MOROCCO TWO WEEKS  
AGO, HERRERA SAID THAT GOS VIEWED "YEMAA" AS GENUINE REPRESENTATIVE  
BODY REGARDLESS OF WHO PRESIDED OVER IT. COMMENT: "YEMAA"  
IS MADE UP OF DEPUTIES CHOSEN BY THE VARIOUS TRIBES INHABITING  
THE TERRITORY.

3. HERRERA SAID THAT TRILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN CARRIED  
OUT WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF ARTICLE 33 OF THE UN CHARTER, ADDING  
THAT THE 3 PARTIES WOULD INFORM THE UN SYG PROMPTLY ABOUT THEIR  
AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO ONE NEWSPAPER SOURCE, MOROCCAN FOREIGN  
MINISTER LARAKI IS SCHEDULED TO TRANSIT MADRID NOV 16 ENROUTE  
TO NEW YORK.

4. HERRERA ALSO STATED THAT "FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS" HAD BEEN  
WORKED OUT WITH MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA ON OTHER RELATED  
ISSUES: INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, PRESUMABLY COOPERATION IN THE  
PHOSPHATE EXPLOITATION IN BUCRAA, TRADE RELATIONS, AND  
FISHING RIGHTS. HERRERA SAID THAT ALGERIA HAD NOT BEEN  
INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.  
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